

Tax Information

A portion of your retirement benefit is taxable income for both federal and Montana state income tax purposes. TRS will send you an IRS Form 1099-R during the latter part of January each year. This form will provide you with the information necessary to file your income tax returns. If we do not have your current and correct mailing address, the 1099-R form will not be forwarded to your new address; instead, it will be returned to TRS. Please be sure that you notify TRS, in writing, of any address changes so that you receive your tax information in a timely manner.

You may elect to have the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) withhold federal and Montana state income taxes directly from your monthly benefits. If you do not have taxes withheld, and have any tax liability, you may be required to pay both federal and Montana state taxes on a quarterly basis.

The method that you elect to utilize in paying any income tax liability is strictly a personal decision. While TRS will try to assist you in any way possible, we are not qualified to make tax decisions for you. You should contact a tax professional for further advice.

Federal Taxes

Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Publication 575, *Pension and Annuity Income*, discusses federal tax treatment of distributions you receive from pension and annuity plans. You can view or download this document on the IRS website

- <http://www.irs.gov/uac/Publication-575,-Pension-and-Annuity-Income-2>

or by calling the IRS

- (800) 829-3676

State Taxes

For more information regarding Montana state income taxes, please consult the State of Montana Department of Revenue at.

- Website: <http://revenue.mt.gov/>
- Phone: (406) 444-6900 / (866) 859-2254

If you decide to modify your federal and/or Montana state income tax withholding status with TRS, please download the desired form from our website or contact our office for the necessary forms.

Note: TRS cannot withhold state income taxes on your behalf for any state *other than* Montana.

Please contact TRS if you have any questions regarding this information.

Website: <http://www.trs.mt.gov>
Write: PO Box 200139, Helena, MT 59620-0139
Call: (406) 444-3185 / (866) 600-4045